

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF FEATHERSTONE for the YEAR 1920.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Featherstone Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

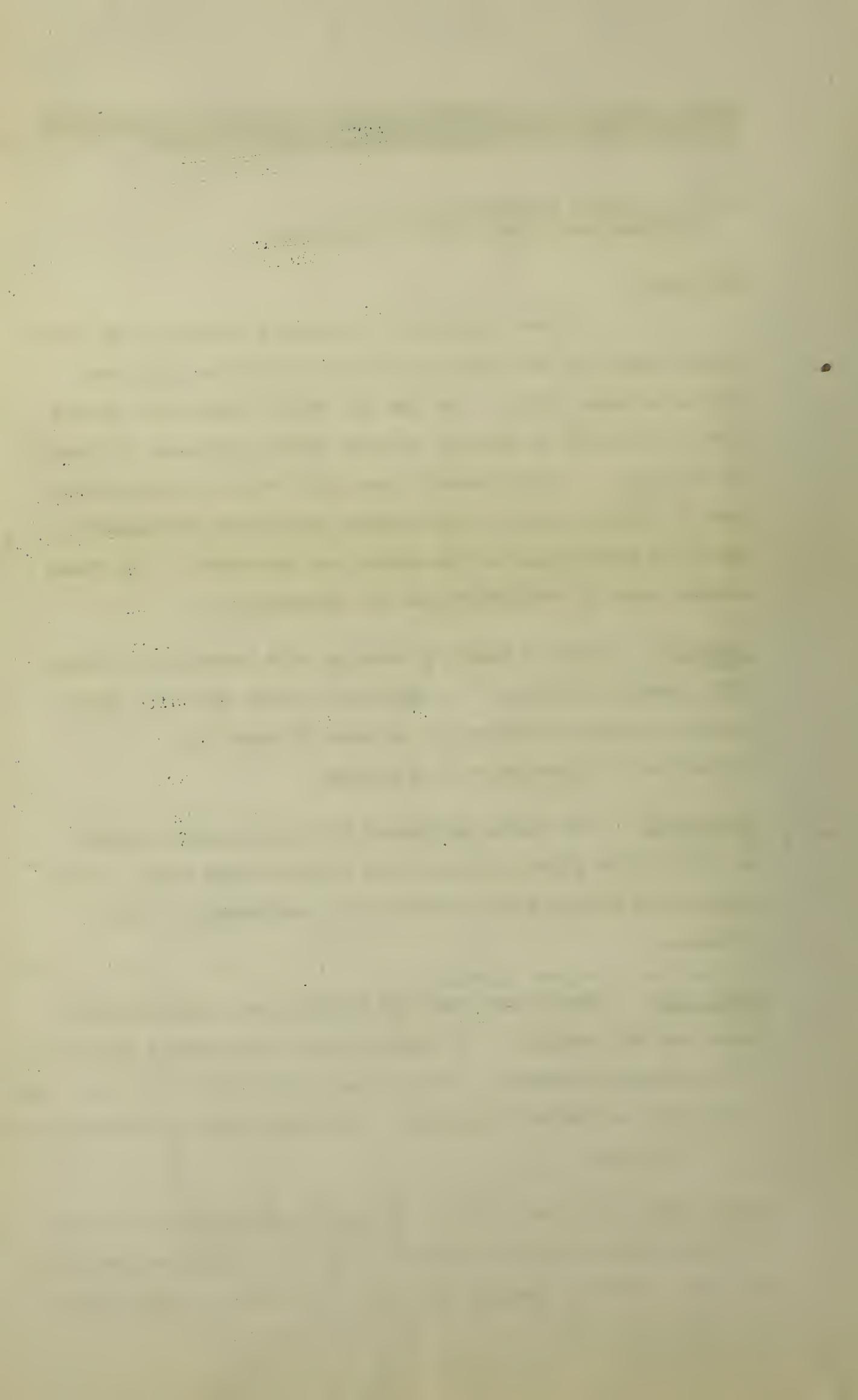
I have the honour of placing before you my first Annual Report on the Health of your district for the year ending December 1920. As you are aware I have only served part of the year as Medical Officer having succeeded Dr Buncle who retired. Unfortunately your late Health Visitor broke down in health, and for some months improvised arrangements had to be made until her successor was appointed. For these reasons some of the Statistics are incomplete.

DISTRICT. Size of Sanitary area is 4429 acres and contains 2926 inhabited houses. No additional house has been added during the year but 24 are in process of erection.
Occupation of inhabitants Coal mining.

POPULATION. The number estimated by the Registrar General is 15052 which gives a little over 5 persons per house. The approaching Census will determine the correctness of this estimate.

BIRTH RATE During the year 490 Births were registered 252 Males and 238 Females. Of these 8 were Illegitimate males and 10 Illegitimate Females. This gives a Birth Rate of 32.5. That of England and Wales being 25.4. The Birth Rate for Featherstone in 1919 was 28.4

DEATH RATE. The total number of deaths attributable to this Sanitary area is 254 (143 Males 111 females) giving a Death Rate of 16.8. That of England and Wales being 12.4. Featherstone for 1919 was 17.75.



Analysis of Mortality will be found in the following Tables.

TABLE 1.

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Enteric Fever	1.	-
Small Pox	-	-
Measles	5	4
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Diphtheria (Croup)	1	2
Influenza	7	5
Erysipelas	1	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	10	1
Tuberculous Meningitis	2	3
Other Tuberculous Diseases	4	2
Cancer	6	9
Rheumatic Fever	-	2
Meningitis	4	-
Organic Heart Disease	9	8
Bronchitis	16	16
Pneumonia (all forms)	26	15
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	4	7
Appendicitis	-	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-
Alcoholism	-	-
Nephritis & Brights Disease	2	3
Puerperal Fever	-	-
Parturition	-	-
Congenital Debility	15	7
Violence	8	2
Suicide	1	-
Other defined diseases	19	23
FROM ALL CAUSES	143	111

TABLE. 11.

England and Wales.	Feather- stone.		Death Rate per 1000 Population	Rate per 1000 Births.	Percentage of total Deaths
25.4	32.5	Birth Rate.			
12.4	16.8	All causes.			
.01	.06	Enteric Fever.			
.00	none	Small Pox.			
.19	.59	Measles.			
.04	none	Scarlet Fever.			
.11	none	Whooping Cough			
.15	.19	Diphtheria.			
.28	.79	Influenza			
.48	.66	Violence			
8.3	22.4	Diarrhoea & Enteritis under 2 years.			
80	132.	Total deaths under one year.			
24.3	10.1	Deaths in Public Institutions			
92.2	94.3	Certified causes of Deaths.			
6.6	3.7	Inquests.			
1.2	3.1	Uncertified causes of Deaths.			

TABLE 111.

Infectious Cases notified or ascertained.

Small Pox	None.	
Cholera Plague	None.	
Diphtheria & Membranous Croup	14.	
Erysipelas	7	
Scarlet Fever	31	
Typhus Fever	None.	
Enteric Fever	5	
Relapsing or continued Fever	None	
Puerperal Fever	None	
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1?	
Poliomyelitis	None	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	24	
Other forms of Tuberculosis	11	
Measles	491.	
Whooping Cough	not notifiable.	
Small Pox	None	Removed to Hospital
Diphtheria	14	
Scarlet Fever	31	
Enteric Fever	1	
Other	None.	

INFANTILE MORTALITY. Although there were 490 Births during the year there were also 65 deaths of children under one year, giving an Infantile Mortality of 132, that of England being 80, and Featherstone for 1919 being 146. The infantile mortality of all Colliery areas is usually high. This figure although declining is still too high, and with this object in view these Child Welfare Clinics have been created. No doubt such Schemes will assist, the more especially if instructions in proper feeding bear fruit, but unless larger and better housing accommodation should accompany these efforts, the benefit reaped will not be sufficient. The chief causes of this Infantile death Rate are Congenital Debility (25) affections of the Lungs 23 and Diarrhoea 10.

ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE. The number of deaths for the seven principal Infectious diseases is 24 giving a Zymotic Death rate of 1.5 that of 1919 being .9 the accompanying table will show the deaths to each disease and the number of cases notified during the year.

Zymotic Diseases.	cases notified in 1920	Deaths	Ratio of Deaths	
			(a) per 1000 persons attacked.	(b) per 1000 per- sons living
Small Pox	none	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	31	None	-	-
Diphtheria	14	3	214.3	1.9
Enteric Fever	5	1	200	.06
Measles	491	9	18.3	.59
Whooping Cough	Not Notified	-	-	
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	"	11	-	.73

All the notified cases of Scarlet Fever, Enteric and Diphtheria were removed to the Isolation Hospital and disinfection of the houses carried out.

The cases of Typhoid were in no way connected with each other, with the exception of those at Loscoe, concerning which a separate report has been laid before you and copies sent to the Ministry of Health and the County Council.

MEASLES. This recurring disease started towards the end of 1919 and increased in numbers reaching its worst in April and May. There were 9 deaths. Certain schools were closed in the hope of staying its progress, but in a thickly populated place like ours, the disease is difficult to arrest until all those liable to infection are attacked, and the epidemic ^{burn} ~~run~~ itself out. All the cases were treated at home, without the aid of Professional nursing. The Health Visitor is instructed to visit each affected house and give advise.

TUBERCULOSIS. The number of cases notified was 35 (pulmonary tuberculosis 24 and other parts 11) and the deaths were, Pulmonary 11 and other parts 11, giving a death rate of 1.4 from all forms of Tuberculosis.

Although lectures, verbal and printed advice, have been offered, the public do not yet seem to realise the gravity of this disease. Full use of Bacteriological examination has been resorted to, and doubtful cases have been sent to the Tuberculosis Dispensary for consultation, still with over crowded houses, a long waiting list for admission into the Sanatorium and the discharge of incurables, without provision to prevent further contact, one is not surprised at its spread. The houses are disinfected, sputum flasks provided for use, and leaflets distributed. Much money is being

spent on this disease, but unless a ~~radical~~ medical modification in House building ensues, it will go on. I cannot ~~work~~ ^{look} on with approval at the type of houses being erected at present, which has been submitted to and approved by the Ministry of Health. In a district where early marriages prevail, families in each house at least five, the atmosphere dust laden, the house ought to be commodious, and amply ventilated.

INFLUENZA. Every year brings at least one visitation if not two of this disease. It is atmospheric in its spread, and a person once attacked evidently more liable to a future attack. If the victim would only go to bed at the commencement it would shorten the affliction and probably escape the complications which so often follow. There were 12 deaths ascribed to this disease, but that by no means measures its fatality, the end often being certified as Bronchitis or Pneumonia. Out of a total number of deaths from all causes (245) Bronchitis and Pneumonia claimed 73.

VENEREAL DISEASES. Those suffering from these diseases are recommended to Leeds Infirmary for Modern Treatment. The advice is followed, but the ~~distance~~ and loss of a day's income, not to mention the disclosure, leads to a laxity of carrying the treatment to its full extent.

HOUSING. There is a great scarcity of houses in this district and those existing are taxed to their full capacity. Private enterprise has entirely stopped. The Council have entered into a plan for the construction of 51 and at present 24 are in process of erection. This is wholly inadequate for our population, and I should strongly urge a reconsideration of the present plan. I am quite sensible of the cost of building material and labour, but to curtail expenditure at the cost of future illness is false economy. You require 300

additional houses at least, and each house must have at least 3 separate bed rooms. All the rooms upstairs and down to be capacious and ventilated on the most modern method. Each house should have a Water Closet and ash pit (to be dry with easy access) or Sanitary Dust Bin. At present one privy and ash pit have to be used for two houses a very reprehensible method. Conversions from privy to W.C. is only moving slowly. There are ,1031 privies, 1202 W.C.\$, 1000 ashpits, and 484 dust bins in existence at present.

SCAVERGING. The Sanitary Inspector (Mr Sagar) is an energetic Officer and his work is always well in hand. I refer you to his report which is subjoined.

WATER SUPPLY. This is of good quality and usually ample in quantity.

DRAINAGE. Sewers generally in fair condition and Disposal works satisfactory.

The half of the night soil is carted to the Destructor and used as fuel for producing steam to pump sewage. The other half is deposited on Sewage Farm Tip, and dry ashes taken to other tips. These Tips are constantly inspected and are far removed from any dwelling house.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FEATHERSTONE.

POPULATION. (1) Census 1911 - 14555. (2) Estimated 1920 - 15052.

BIRTHS.

Registered (1) Legitimate 472. Males 244 Females 228 } Total
 Illegitimate 18. " 18 " 10 } 490.
 Notified (within 36 hours) Live Births 474. Still Births 20.
 Total 494. Notified by Midwives 277. By Doctors 197.

INFANT DEATHS.

under 1 year 65. 37 Males. 28 Females.

Death Rate per 1000 births 132.6.

MIDWIVES. Number practising in the District 5. Trained 3
 not trained 2.

MUNICIPAL CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Address.	Whether Sessions are held weekly fortnightly etc.	Day & time of Meeting	Average attendance per session.	
			Expectant Mothers.	Children.
Gospel Hall, Station Lane, Featherstone.	Weekly	Wednesday at 3. p.m.	10.	60
Congregational School Room Streethouse.	Weekly	Monday at 3. p.m.	5	20.

The Medical Officer is in attendance at both Centres and each session, along with the Health Visitor and a few voluntary workers.

This work consists of a short lecture by the Medical Officer to the mothers about children, and children's ailments. Also a quarterly lecture given privately to expectant mothers. After each lecture the Medical Officer has a private consulting room for all mothers either concerning themselves or their babies. Instruction is given in such cases and if of a necessitous nature also free milk or Glaxo. The Health Visitor, with voluntary assistance, weighs the babies and registers the weight. Any baby not thriving is directed by her to see the Medical Officer. In connection with these Meetings a sewing

class is carried on by voluntary workers, for the purpose of instructing and making baby garments. These garments are sold at cost price, and in a few instances given free.

I am pleased to say that these Clinics are getting more largely attended at both centres. There is one disquieting feature about them, and that is, those most needing such instruction and help do not avail themselves of the opportunity.

Although we are greatly indebted to the Owners of the Gospel Hall and Congregational School Room, still one would hope that in some future time better arrangements might be provided..

I regret I cannot give statistics of the number of visits by the Health Visitor as the present Health Visitor (Miss Brennan) only commenced duties here in January 1921. The late Health Visitor Miss Lee, broke down in health and for many months the work was carried on by the Medical Officer with the help of voluntary assistance. To those Ladies who rendered such assistance, I am greatly indebted.

Complicated cases of Maternity are treated in Leeds Maternity Hospital, with whom we have an agreement for such cases. Two such cases have been sent during the year.

The disbursement of milk or Glaxo either free or cost price has been considerable, but a more uniform method has now been established, ~~entertained~~, and in future a fixed basis of family income will determine its distribution.

I am,

Yours obediently,

WM. STEVEN. M.B.

Medical Officer of Health.

26th May 1921.

FEATHERSTONE URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.-

Any developments during 1920 ? No.

Any insufficiency, and where ? No.

Any action in regard to unsatisfactory quality, and where ? No.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.-

Any developments during 1920 ? No.

Developments still needed as to (a) Want of Sewers No.

(b) Improvement of defective sewers. -

Any inadequacy of Sewage Disposal Works or complaints as to smells ? No.

Are there any sink wastes still needing disconnection ? No.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.-

No. of Privies with open middens None.

No. of Pail or Tub closets. 18.

No. of Privies with covered middens. 1031

No. of Water Closets. 1202. Waste water closets 10.

No. of privies re-constructed during 1920. (a) as W.C's 71
(b) other. None.No. of additional closets provided for old property in 1920.-
(a) W.C's 27. (b) Other. None.No. of Closets constructed in 1920 for new houses,-
(a) W.C's None. (b) Other. -

SCAVENGING.

Any changes during 1920 ? No.

Performed by (a) Council. Yes. (b) Contractor. -

How is refuse disposed of ? No of loads to,-

(a) Destructor, 4983. (b) Tips. 5652.

(c) Farmers. None. Total annual cost £2499-3-9.

Is there any inadequacy, and where ? No.

Any utilization of salvage of waste material ? No.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS.

Total No. of Inspections made in 1920. 1984.

Informal Notices served. 124. Complied with. 74.

Statutory Notices served. 20. Complied with. 17.

Total No. of Nuisances in hand at close of 1919. 287. at
close of 1920. 556.

Total No. of Nuisances

reported during 1920. 806. abated during 1920. 537.

Total No. of Summons or other legal proceedings. None.

Regulated Buildings Trades, &c.	No. in District.	No. on Register.	Total No. of Inspect- ions made.	General condition.	Legal proce- ings.
Common Lodging Houses.	-	-	-	-	-
Houses let in Lodgings.	-	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats.	-	-	-	-	-
Knackers Yards	-	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans & Sheds	-	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades (tripe Boiling & Fat Melter).	1	1	23	Fair.	

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades, e.g., Fish-frying, Maggot-breeding, etc ? No.

SCHOOLS, -

Schools visited by M.O.H.- Weekly inspection by Sanitary Staff.

Action taken.- Schools disinfected.

Schools closed.- For Measles in April and May.

MILK SUPPLY.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S. A. for analysis under F. and D. Acts.- 15. No. adulterated,- None.

No. of samples taken by Officers of S.A. for bacteriological examination,- None.

What arrangement for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows,- When occasion arises.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk,- No.

No. of Cowkeepers in district,- 27. No. registered,- 27.

No. of milk sellers who are also cowkeepers,- 24.

No. who are Purveyors only,- 3. Total No. registered,- 27.

Total No. of cowsheds,- 56. No. of inspections in 1920,- 248. General condition,- Fair.

Approx. No. of Milch Cows in district,- 249.

Any insufficiency in milk supply,- No.

Legal proceedings under D.C.M. Orders,- No.

Any inspection or other action by District to which milk is sent,- No.

Milk (Mothers and Children) Order, 1919, Any action,- No.

OTHER FOODS.

No. of samples (other than milk) taken by Officer of S. A. for examination under the Foods and Drugs Acts,- No
No. adulterated,- --

No. of seizures of unsound food,- None.

No. of Slaughterhouses,- 13. No. registered,- 13.

No. licensed,- 13. No. unsatisfactory,- None.

No. of prosecutions,-

{a} Food and Drugs,- None.

{b} Unsound food,- None.

{c} Re slaughterhouses,- None.

No. of bakehouses,- 4.

Is there a public abattoir,- No.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Any smoke nuisance, and where,- Collieries at various times.

No. of smoke observations taken,- 10. No. of cautions,- 4.

Legal notices and summonses,- ----

ADOPTIVE ACTS.

Acts adopted during 1920.- None.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS..

Any Bye-laws made under Section 26 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919, as to houses divided into separate tenements,- None.

Any other adopted or revised during 1920,- No.

Any relaxation of Byelaws under Section 24 of Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919,- No.

Any other Bye-laws needed,- ---

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

What diseases have been specially prevalent in 1920,- Measles. State months,- January to June.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list,- No.

Any influences threatening the health of the district,- No.

Any prevalence of venereal diseases,- A number.

TUBERCULOSIS.- Procedure by M.O.H. or his staff after notification.

1. Inspection of patient's home and Workshop. - Yes.
2. Examination for Contacts.- Yes.
3. Is house disinfected.- Yes. When? - After leaving for Sanatoria and after death etc.
4. Leaflets, Lectures, etc., distributed.- Yes and disinfectants supplied free.
5. Action re spitting.- To use Flask and burn Sputum.
6. Is sputum examined apart from Dispensary ?- Yes.
7. Any special procedure adopted in cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with T.B. in sputum. No.
8. Tuberculosis Dispensaries. Any suggestions. No.

BACTERIOLOGY.

Is County Laboratory utilised ? - Yes. Any suggestions? No.

INFANT MORTALITY.

What organised effort to control it ?- Health Visitor giving advice and reporting to M.O.H.

Any voluntary Centres for Child or Mother Welfare ? - Yes two weekly.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1920.- Congenital Debility and chest affections.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births during 1920.- Males 252. Females 238. Total 490.

No. illegitimate included in above. 18.

No. of still Births (not included) 20.

Deaths during 1920,-

(1) Gross Deaths, i.e. Total actually registered in the District without any correction. 237.

(2) Nett Deaths on which the Rates are calculated,- Males 143. Females 111.

No. of uncertified deaths (included above). - 8.

MORTUARIES.

What Mortuary accommodation , -

(a) for accidents.- Public Mortuary. (U.D. Council).
(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital. ---

SANITARY STAFF.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H. ? - £150 including service at Clinics.

Name of Sanitary Inspector. - Joseph Sagar.

Annual Salary as Inspector. £358.

Other appointments held. - Housing Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.

Salary for such other appointments. - £25.

Any Assistants ? - Scavenging Foreman.

Is staff sufficient ? - ----

CLINICS.

Any suggestions,-

(a) Tuberculosis. - Housing accommodation not suitable for return cases.

(b) Venereal Disease.- Venereal Clinic too far away.

T A B L E D.

SUMMARY OF HOUSING WORK DURING 1920.

Table showing action under Sections 15, 17, and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909 Section 28 of the 1919 Act, and the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, dated September 2nd, 1910, or matters arising therefrom.

HOUSES WITH DEFECTS NOT DISPOSED OF AT END OF 1919.

1. Houses not reasonably fit for human habitation, (Section 15) 1909, or (Section 28) 1919.	-
2. Houses totally unfit for human habitation (Section 17) 1909.	-
3. Houses with minor defects. (Public Health Acts).	-
4. Houses inspected under the Act and regulations in 1920.	106
5. Houses found satisfactory on inspection.	46.

ACTION UNDER (SECTION 15) 1919 OR (SECTION 28) 1919.

6. Houses found not reasonably fit for human habitation.	-
7. Houses for which notices were given to execute works.	-
8. Houses in respect of which notices were satisfactory complied with.	-
9. Houses in respect of which the Local Authority executed or were executing works in default of Landlord.	-
10. Houses in respect of which landlord elected to close house instead of complying with notices.	-

ACTION UNDER P.H. ACTS IN CASES OF HOUSES WITH MINOR DEFECTS NOT REMEDIEABLE UNDER (SECTION 28) 1919.

11. Houses found with defects.	60
12. Houses made fit after preliminary notice.	50
13. Houses in regard to which notices were served to remedy defects.	-
14. Houses made fit after notice.	-

ACTION UNDER (SECTION 17) 1909. None None.OTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO HOUSING.

Total number of houses in district.	2926.
Number of working-class houses.	2700.
General standard compared with that of the Ministry of Health in Manual Vol. 1. 1919. 185 of these are Back-to-Back houses.	

Unfit houses.

Any complaints by Inhabitant Householders under Sec. 31 of 1890 Act ? . -

Any complaints by Parish Council under Sec. 6 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1894. ? ---

Any action by Public Utility Societies. ? ---

Any action under small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 ? No.

Any scarcity of houses, if so, where ? Yes . General scarcity.

Any overcrowding of persons in houses, and where ? Yes. General .

Number of cases of overcrowding dealt with during 1920. A few.

Any special activity in house building, and where ? No.

Have the Council promoted, or assisted any public Utility Society in their district ? No.

Number of new houses built during 1920 by private enterprise. Nil.

STATE-AIDED HOUSING SCHEMES. - Has Scheme been submitted as required by Section 1 of 1919 Act. Yes.

Estimated need for 300 houses. Scheme for 51 houses.

SITES				LAY-OUTS.	
Applications submitted.		Applications approved.		Submitted.	Approved.
No.	Acreage.	No.	Acreage.	No.	No.
1.	5.			1.	1.

Any houses built by private enterprise under State Aided Housing Scheme ? No.

Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under (Sec 17. 7) 1909 Act ? None.

TOWN PLANNING.- Any Scheme prepared during 1920 ? No.

Any Scheme contemplated ? No.

Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under Article 11. of Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ?

Joseph Sagar, Council Offices, Featherstone.

(Signed) WM. STEVEN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1920 for the Urban District of Featherstone, on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with,

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, WORKPLACES AND HOMEWORK.

1. INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Including Inspection made by Sanitary Inspector or Inspector of Nuisances.

Premises.	Number of Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecution
Factories (including Factory Laundries.)			
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries)	26	1	Nil.
Workplaces (Other than outworkers premises included in Part 3 of this Report)	-	-	-
Total	26.	1	Nil.

2. DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Particulars.	Number of Defects.			Number of Prosecutions.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :-				
Want of cleanliness	1	1	1	-
Want of ventilation	1	1	1	-
Total.	2	2	2	

3. HOME WORK. None.

4. REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the register (s 131) at the end of the year.	Number.
Bakehouses	4
Dressmakers	8
Tailors	2
Blacksmith shops	3
Boot repairing Shops	6
Plumbers Workshops	2
Fire-lighter Makers	1
Total Number of Workshops on Register	26.

5. OTHER MATTERS. None.

(Signature) WM. STEVEN,
Medical Officer of Health.

Date May 26th 1921.

APPENDICES.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Statistics. Year ended 31st December 1920.

GENERAL.

1. Estimated population	15052.
2. General Death rate	16.8.
3. Death rate from Tuberculosis	1.4
4. Infantile mortality	132.
5. Number of dwelling houses of all classes	2926.
6. Number of working class dwelling houses	2700
7. Number of new working class houses erected.	None.

UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

Inspection.

1. Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	106.
2. Number of dwelling houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910.	106.
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	None.
4. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	None.

Remedy of Defects without service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.

72.

Action under Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c Act, 1919.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	4.
2. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit (a) by owners. (b) by Local Authority in default of owners.	4
3. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close.	-

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 34.

2 Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied, -
(a) by owners 34.
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners. -

C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c, Act, 1909.
Nil.

UNHEALTHY AREAS.

Areas represented to the Local Authority with a view to Improvement Schemes under (a), Part 1., or (b), Part 11 of the Act of 1890.
Nil.

Number of houses not complying with the building byelaws erected with consent of Local Authority under section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c, Act, 1919.
Nil.

Staff engaged on housing work with, briefly, the duties of each Officer.

Housing Inspector.

Annual Report of the Inspector of Nuisances for 1920.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Featherstone U.D. Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Fourteenth Annual
Report of work during the past year.

Inspections	1984.
Re-Inspections	2897.
House to house Inspections re (Housing Inspections)	
Tuberculosis, etc.	106.
Inspections of 4 Bakehouses	15.
" " 21 Butchers shops & Meat therein	45
" " 2 Meat Carts - Townends & Cuttles	16
" " 13 Frigerators	26
" " 56 Cowsheds	248.
" " 28 Daries	64.
" " 27 Cowkeepers (registered)	113
" " 12 Fried Fish Shops (11 with Hygenic ranges)	54.
" " 30 Milksellers (registered)	30
" " 1 Lodginghouse (Now temperance charges)	6
" " 1 Offensive trade, Tripe boiler etc.	23.
" " 26 Workshops, Tailors, Dressmakers, etc.	19.
" " 13 Slaughterhouses & meat therein	410.
" " Infectious diseases, including Tuberculosis	76.
Nuisances as per Report Book, -	806.
" abated (71 privies Converted to 98 W.C's)	537.
" Not abated	556.
" In hand at close of 1919	287.
" " " " " 1920	556.
Informal Notices served	124.
Complied with	74.
Legal Notices served	20.
Complied with	17.
Personal requests served	80.
Complied with	72.
Informal letters served	16.
Complied with	6.
Housing Notices served	4.
Complied with	4.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

4 Cases of localized Tuberculosis in beef carcases were observed.

83 lbs of Butter, which was surrendered being unfit for human food.

26 lbs of ham sold for £3/6/- surrendered and cash refunded.

44 carcases of rabbits were condemned, being unfit for human food.

54 lbs of apples surrendered and destroyed.

1 Sample of Mussels on bacteriological examination were unclean and unfit for human food, facts laid before County.

MILK SUPPLY. (Fair)

56 Cowsheds and 249 Dairycows.

15 Milk samples have been taken for analysis, report, all these are genuine, although one poor quality, more samples would have been taken but for the difficulty in obtaining supply of bottles from the County Council.

REPORT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR 1920.

Cases Removed to Hospital 50 viz, -

5 Typhoid. 31 Scarlet Fever. 14 Diphtheria.

Notifications were received as follows, viz, -

Measles	491
Pneumonia	33
Tuberculosis	26
Erysipelas	11
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4
Dysentery	2
Scarlet Fever	31
Diphtheria	14
Typhoid Fever	5
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	617.

Overcrowding is still growing much against our wish, viz, -

Again insufficient housing accommodation leads to overcrowding and insanitation, the standard of living becomes unnecessarily low, and the nemesis of disease follows. Also the growth of Tuberculosis which is known as a house disease.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS and STORM WATER DRAINAGE.

These should receive the Councils attention.

SCAVENGING OF PRIVIES, ASHPITS, DUST BINS & CESSPOOLS.

Number of loads of nightsoil and other refuse 10,635.

4983 loads have been destroyed at the Destructor @ 6/3d per load total cost

5652 Loads have been taken to tips @ 3/4d per load

1557-3 -9

942-0 -0

Total.

2499-3- 9

Receptacles scavenged 1031 Privies 1000 Ashpits 485 Dust bins
18 Tub Closets 15 Cesspools 3000 sink gullies.

Number of Dwelling houses in this District 2926, out of
these we have 185 Back-to-Back houses. Privies 1031. Water
Closets 1202.

CONVERSION OF PRIVIES INTO WATER CLOSETS.

This important work makes little progress 71 privies have
been converted into 98 Water Closets.

HOUSING REPAIRS AND SANITARY WORK.

Proceeding very slowly, contractors are under staffed and
have no initiative, and some property owners are very lax
no alterations have been made to 'our Slum Cottages' see page
50 in Report Book, re the Ministry of Health's Lady Housing
Inspectors confirmation of my previous reports, also no
improvements have been made to our Back-to-Back houses,
which the Ministry of Health name below standard houses.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

JOSEPH SAGAR, M.S.I. Lond.

Inspector of Nuisances, Housing Inspector
& Cleansing Superintendent.

FEATHERSTONE URBAN DISTRICT.

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